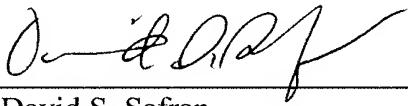


**REMARKS**

In response to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action mailed November 26, 2007, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-20 drawn to the expanding method. Non-elected apparatus claims 21-30 have been cancelled above subject to applicants' right to file a divisional application directed thereto. In view of the foregoing election, prompt examination of the claims to the elected invention is requested.

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